



Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son
and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit.



October 26, 2025 • 10:30 AM Worship

Welcome to Covenant-First Presbyterian Church

Whether you attend Covenant-First Presbyterian Church on a regular basis or are here for the first time, we are glad you are here. Covenant-First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1790, and has been a part of downtown Cincinnati ever since. Our almost 2,000 pound tower bell is from the Paul Revere Foundry in Boston, and first rang from the steeple of one of our earliest buildings. This building was completed in 1875, and the Austin Pipe Organ dates to 1915, with its approximately 3,500 pipes. We have traditional worship with Bible-based preaching each week. Our music program is enhanced by our Music Scholar program and we are excited to have them lead in worship most Sundays.

If you need help with directions to restrooms, the fellowship hall, or to the lower level nursery, the person who greeted you this morning will be glad to help you.

Children and worship

We delight in children, and your children are always welcome to stay with you in worship. However, if you would prefer nursery care for your infants and toddlers, we do have a professionally staffed nursery in the lower level. We invite children ages 2 years to 5 years to participate in Junior Church. If your child wants to participate in Junior Church, you may escort them to the lower level during the singing of the Doxology. You may then pick your child up following the service from the downstairs classrooms.

Validated Parking

Validated parking is available in the 222 W 7th St. Garage. Validation is done using your car's license plate number. Please locate a greeter to complete the validation process which requires your license plate number.

Fellowship Time

After worship, we invite you to gather with us in Metzger Hall for a reception featuring coffee, treats, and encouraging conversation. Many of us travel from a distance to join together in worship on Sunday mornings, and we find this weekly fellowship time to be a valuable and enriching time for us to catch up and meet new people. Please join us!

About us

If you are interested in learning more about Covenant-First Presbyterian Church, see your morning greeter, help yourself to any of the literature located on the back tables, contact the church office at 513-621-4144, or visit our website at covfirstchurch.org.

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Symphony *Gothique* Op. 70

II. Andante sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Zach Burnham

One: Come, chosen people, living stones in God's temple; let us draw near to Christ our cornerstone, in whom the Spirit dwells among us.

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Op.79b

Max Reger

Christie Lee, Organ Scholar

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn #11

A Might Fortress Is Our God

*Invocation

Zach Burnham

One: Holy Father, by your word and Spirit gather us into the fellowship of your Son. Shape us
as your dwelling, alive to holiness and love.

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

**All: Merciful Lord, we confess that we have fractured the unity you purchased with
your blood. We have favored ourselves above your body, resisted correction, and
doubted your Spirit's work. Forgive us, restore our communion in truth and grace,
and build us again upon Christ our cornerstone.**

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the promise of the gospel: You are no longer strangers, but citizens with the saints
and members of God's household. In Christ, your sins are forgiven, your divisions healed,
and your life secured. One Lord, one faith, one baptism—one hope of resurrection and
glory. Therefore, rejoice, for Christ himself is your peace. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #575

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is
now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Anthem

Holy God We Praise Your Name

Arr. Larry Shackley

Covenant Choir; Eric Lechlitter, Trumpet

Holy God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore you;
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Praise to the Lord, to the Lord of hosts! Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising. Hallelujah!
Holy, holy, holy Lord! Praise to the Lord, to the Lord of hosts! Holy, holy, holy Lord! Fill the heavens with sweet accord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you; though in essence only one, undivided God, we claim you, and we bow the knee before God who reigns for ever more. Holy God, we praise your name!

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering

(If you would like to give online see the back of the bulletin.)

Offertory

Come and Worship

Arr. Patti Drennan

Covenant Choir; Eric Lechlitter, Trumpet

O Come, worship Christ and sing! Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our king; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Christians, will you join in worship and adore the Lord our God? Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy one comes down. Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Come and love our God supremely, come and love each other, too. Come to sing and pray for sinners 'til our God makes all things new. He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; His love will never end; Alleluia! Amen! Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
At this time all children are invited to go to Children's Church

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** Bulletin pg. 8 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. **We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Scripture Lesson** Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

One: This is God's Word for God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God of the Church

Rev. Dr. Dan Turis

***Hymn #200**

The Church's One Foundation

***Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Highland Cathedral

Michael Korb

*Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Margaret Valentine
in loving memory of Michael Valentine in celebration of his
birthday on October 28.

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Today we welcome Eric Lechlitter on the trumpet. Eric is the Artistic Director of the Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, Adjunct Professor of Jazz at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), teaches in the Preparatory department at CCM and is the founder and director of The Original Farm League Big Band. A prolific arranger/composer, Eric has written nearly 100 compositions and arrangements for jazz big band, among dozens more for small group and other chamber ensembles. His music has been performed by several Tri-State groups of varying genres, including the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, the Blue Wisp Big Band, and Schoolhouse Symphony. In addition to his playing and writing career he has maintained a busy schedule as a professor, jazz clinician, and private teacher.

Stewardship Devotional

In November we will begin a new sermon series on Stewardship and Offering. As a complement to this series Pastor Dan has created a 28-day devotional. Find copies of this devotional on the back tables and plan to follow this 28-day devotional plan.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 11

God is our refuge and strength. Psa. 46:1

Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1852

EIN' FESTE BURG 8 7 8 7 6 6 6 6 7
Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:
 Were not the right Man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing:
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth:

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may

great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

GOD THE FATHER: HIS PRAISE

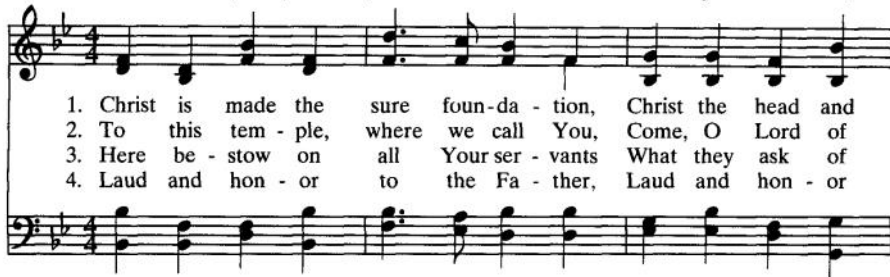
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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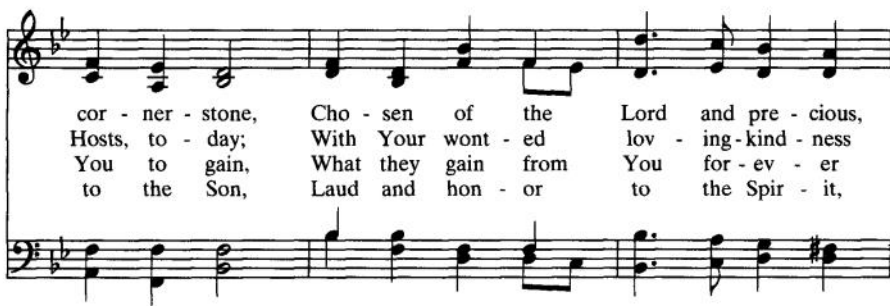
7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

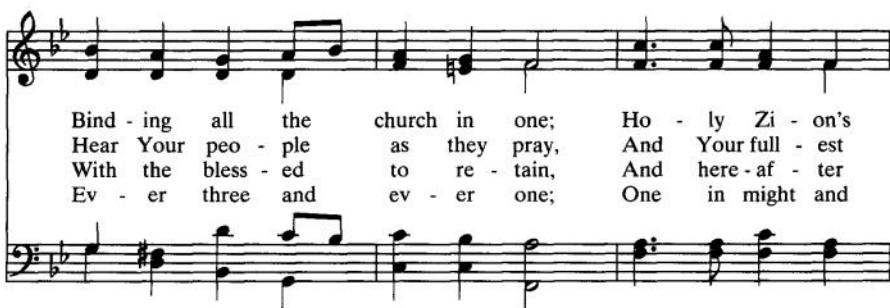
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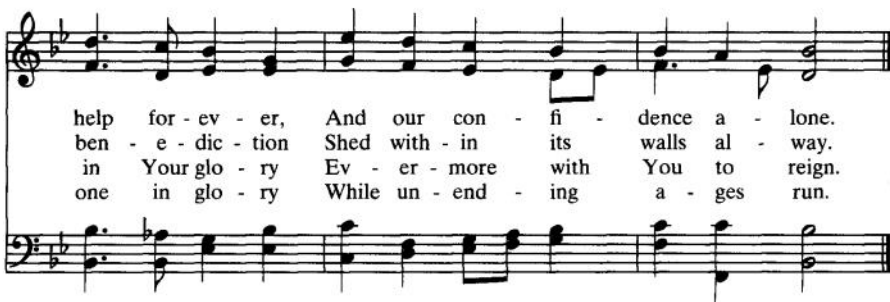
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and



help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

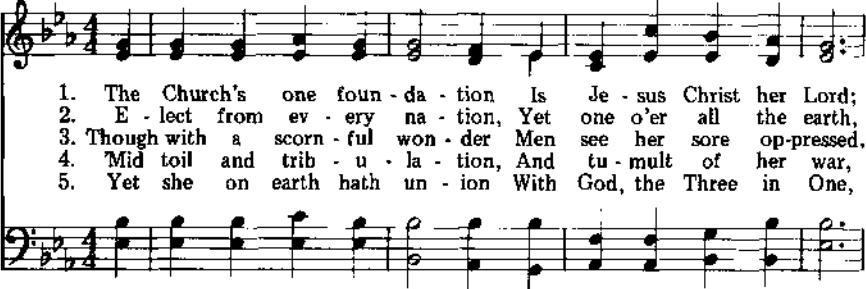
The Church's One Foundation 200

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid . . . Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

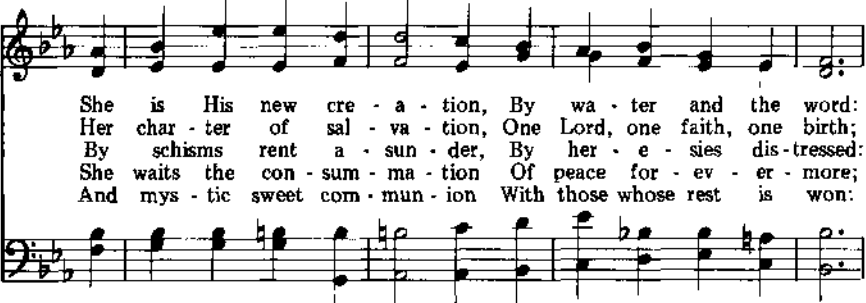
Samuel J. Stone, 1868

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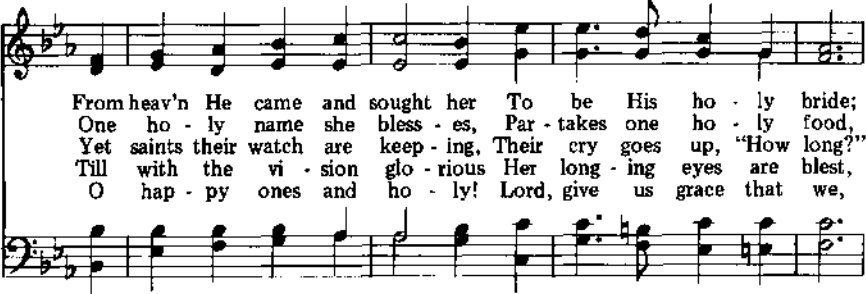
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864



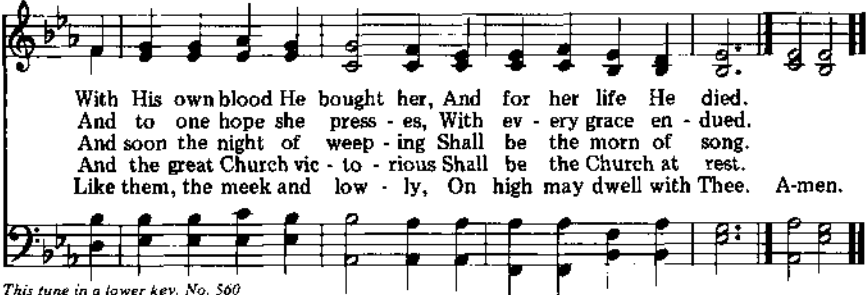
1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der Men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion, By wa - ter and the word:
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A-men.

This tune in a lower key, No. 560

ITS NATURE AND FELLOWSHIP